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VIA COURIER

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Re: Registrant No. 5198 – FARA Document Distribution

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. § 614(a) and 28 C.F.R. § 5.400(a), enclosed please find two copies of a letter to the editor on Guantanamo detention issues submitted to the Washington Post by David J. Cynamon, a partner and short-form registrant with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. While Mr. Cynamon submitted the enclosed letter to the editor to express his personal views, we are filing the enclosed letter because Mr. Cynamon's views on this issue align with the interests of his clients the International Counsel Bureau (the foreign principal) and certain Kuwaiti nationals detained by the U.S. Government at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Please contact me if you require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure

cc: David J. Cynamon

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